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Name: Mette Claus Rhein-Knudsen Date of Comment: 25/7/06

Address: [REDACTED] Holte.

Comments

- Restrooms Fine, Maintain the Existing Roadsystem
and put some more Truck/Little Boxes up.
More wellorganised store.
Put up Drink machines on the Visitor center.
Cut more trees.
- Improve the Road Hiking maps and Signs on the trails.
- Close down the gasstation.
- Establish Few more campsites. For tents only.
- Put more signs up explaining the Wildlife.
- Put restrictions on visitor in summer seasons.

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Name: ROBERTS

Date of Comment: 08/08/06

Address: [REDACTED] Colfax Washington

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Name: Fans van Haaren Date of Comment: 7/25/2006
Address: [REDACTED], The Netherlands

Comments

- Impressive landscape, overwhelming!
- For us it was not so clear where we could park our car for a few hours. It may be an idea to have long stay parking places and shuttle busses.
- It is important to communicate ~~to~~ to the people in San Francisco, Los Angeles, ... that high quality drinking water is a precious resource. This needs investments and attention, also of the public.
- We liked the initiative to keep the meadows by taking out the young pines. One of us did not like this, keep the trees.

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- Try to learn from experiences in other parts of the world (Europe?) perhaps good and bad practices.
- Tourism is essential to keep support of public for environmental policy. Develop more National Parks, like Sequoia Kings.
- See the international perspective: global warming, Kyoto protocol, pressure groups in other parts of the world.

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Name: Inet Jarrett

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Date of Comment: Aug 11, 2006

Address: [REDACTED], Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Comments

We, my family, have been enjoying Tuolumne every year for the past 5 years. I love the wildness of the area, the variety of trails offered (easy to strenuous) since we have a 5 year old and need to limit ourselves to 6 mi round trip. I like the campground with 1/2 reservations 1/2 first come first served and the ability to extend. The most camper friendly of all campgrounds. ① Please place a high priority on maintaining trails—and perhaps expanding the number of trails for day hikers. (At Bridalveil Creek Campground many trails are not maintained each year). ② Provide additional off roadside parking so

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that ~~vehicles~~ cars/motorhomes do not have to park along side 120 ~~road~~ between the visitors center and Lambert Dome. ③ A bike trail along here would be optimal since the distance from visitors center to the Lambert Dome is an easy bike riding distance but too far for walking in a short period of time - and decrease the campground car traffic. It would also provide families with another recreational option. This is especially nice for families who like to spend at least a week here.

We love the High Sierra Camps and wish to stay there when our daughter is old enough. Please keep these. We love visiting the horses/mules and horse camp. Kids love seeing the horses along the trails and it provides a lot of excitement for them. Many of the horse campers are very generous and let kids pet them, feed them, and even share pony rides. This was the trip highlight for my daughter.

Electricity (lights & a plug) in the bathrooms would be a nice luxury.

~~Overall keep up the great work~~

We love that the Ranger programs are done by Rangers and not the DNC or other concessionaire. The Rangers are knowledgeable, qualified, and experienced. They provide interesting geological & biological info in their programs. We also love the Art walks by the Doctors family and programs at the Parsons Lodge.

Keep up the great work. This is a wonderful family destination.

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Name: Kazuo Suzuki

Date of Comment: 15/08/2006

Address: [REDACTED] Saitama, Japan

Comments

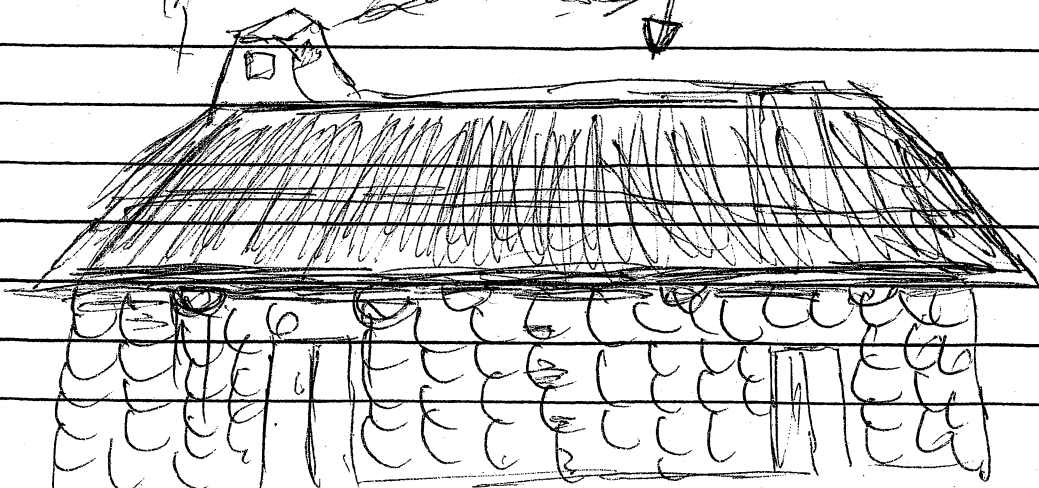
美山草原 → Beautiful Meadows

水 → Water

風 → Wind

Parsons Memorial

Lodge



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Name: _____

Date of Comment: 8.14.06

Address: California

Comments

Mountain bike paths in TM would be nice, designated paths along Tioga
love having the store/grill

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Name: JOCK REYNOLDS

Date of Comment: 8/14/06

Address: [REDACTED], NEW HAVEN, CT. 06511

Comments

(1) Please, now that you have restored Parsons Lodge, McNulty Cabin + Soda Springs structure, restore the twin-peaked bridge that used to span the Tuolumne River just below Soda Springs. It was BEAUTIFUL + is sorely missed by those who remember it. I have slides of the bridge in its original state if you would like to see them.

Please also keep the tent cabins + store + lodge as they are now quite unique in America. Jock Reynolds @ YALFED

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Name: _____

Date of Comment: Aug 14 2006

Address: Santa Barbara

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Comments

(TN)
- Prevent it from turning into a VIP Club -

- promotions. Need to stop - too many people -

- Either preserve the park for the citizens of this country or sell out to big business promoting it to all other Nations.

↳ We can't have it both ways.

- Parks should be for US (United States Citizens) - this is the way our forefathers wanted it.

↳ Perhaps make a lottery for international visitors

Can't have all these companies (tour, etc) promoting it + then complain about too many people

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- Controlled burning is destroying our forests
↳ And the effect it has on Animals.
this is devastating

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Name: Peter Cole

Date of Comment: 8-14-06

Address: [REDACTED]

MACOMB IL 61455

Comments

- ① FORCE MORE CARS OUT OF TUOLUMNE + THE WHOLE PARK. PUT IN BIG PARKING LOTS OUTSIDE PARK + MAKE VISITORS TAKE BUSES IN. ELECTRIC/HYBRID
- ② KEEPS BACKCOUNTRY PERMITS FREE - THEY USE LESS SERVICES THAN MOST OTHERS
- LESS POLLUTION = WILDER HVR

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Name: J M HEINS Date of Comment: 8/15

Address: [REDACTED] PELHAM NY 10803

Comments

Having spent a fair amount of time in various National Parks, I was astounded at the VERY HIGH usage levels here. I can't help but wonder if the park is overused.

In particular it seems that campgrounds are overused - often by people more concerned with cheap facilities than showing any real respect for the Park.

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With respect to the watershed it seems that too many are "running amok" in the streams, doing damage unintentionally (sometimes intentionally). Staff - rangers & al. cannot possibly keep up with all going on.

Answers (?) Better information for visitors
Stranger staff presence(?)

& hate to say, but, limited numbers of "easy 'recreational' campsites"

Frankly, I think there's too much drive in & drive by / 'camp' overnight and never get more than 100 yds from a main road

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jmheins@i-2000.com

Name: Jean Heins Date of Comment: 8/15/2006
Address: [REDACTED] Pelham NY 10803

Comments

Keep development to a minimum so that you can feel and see what John Muir did. There should be a camp site to allow access but not a hotel or high density site.

A free shuttle system similar to Zion would probably help limit traffic in all areas.

The talks and walks lead to a greater appreciation of the area and should be continued or increased if possible.

I like the quietness - not being able to hear the "sounds of civilization" while admiring the beauty.

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Name: PATRICIA WORTHINGTON

Date of Comment: 14 AUGUST 2006

Address: [REDACTED] LONDON W6 9BG U.K.

Comments

I HAVE ONLY BEEN IN THE PARK FOR A FEW HOURS
BUT AM STRUCK BY THE GRANDEUR & BEAUTY OF
THE MOUNTAINS & MEADOWS AND FRANKLY I AM
CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT I AND ALL THE
VISITORS TO THE PARK ARE MAKING.

ONE SUGGESTION IS TO MAKE MORE PUBLIC
TRANSPORT COMPULSORY ^{BUT OF THE} ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY
TYPE
BUT IT WOULD NEED TO BECOME MORE

EXTENSIVE & IMAGINATIVE TO MAKE IT EASY &
ATTRACTIVE & CONVENIENT FOR THE PUBLIC TO USE.

UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE RANGERS &

PARK SERVICE STAFF WHO ARE
KNOWLEDGEABLE.

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Name: Nigel Worthington Date of Comment: 14 AUG 06
Address: [REDACTED] LONDON W6 9BG, UK

Comments

Beautiful hikes in a lovely park.

Very helpful advice in Visitor Centre.

Guided walk and talk at Tuolumne Meadows was very interesting and is much appreciated.

Looking forward to the astronomical event at Glacier Point.

Internet - should provide maps to show where accommodation is situated. Telephone service was helpful.

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Name: Fran Kaplan

Date of Comment: 8/11/06

Address: [REDACTED], Newbury MA 01951

Comments

① Suggestions: Have marketing for the YARTS shuttle that runs, so that tourists coming from the city e.g. San Francisco, can opt for public transportation to Yosemite. Perhaps post YARTS bus and how to get it, w/ schedules, in your visitor website.

② offer volunteer \$1 contribution w/ the park entrance fee, targeted towards specific on-going environmental improvements.

③ Have programs offering - Creative writing walks / journaling / poetry walks

④ Develop a Junior NP program to go into school systems as a breeder for environmental aware.

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Name: Robert Kaph Date of Comment: 8/14/06

Address: [REDACTED] Newby MA

Comments

Excellent 8/14 work with Plenty good comments.

Agree E-mail addresses cheap online comments
for support & create advocate programs.

Will inform table.

Thank you
for this

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Name: Julie Bryan

Comment: many

Date of 8-13-06

Address: [REDACTED], San Rafael CA 94903

Comments

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I have been coming to Tuolumne from childhood. 4 generations of my family have loved this country passionately. I am deeply concerned with the so-called "management" of Tuolumne by DNC. The store-aarch-2 employees, some shelves, that enough staff. Positions that used to be filled by the college students recruited by the Park Service (or Curry) are now filled with young people from other lands, who must sign a bizarre contract - oh never mind, anyway - American youth must have opportunities to fall in love with our natural resources - our bits of heaven here on earth. DNC (who has replaced the iconic Half Dome logo on mules, buses etc) with the DNC @yosemite logo - as though the resort was the overwhelming influence, - not the Park Service. Offensive. Bad dog Pass -> named as a business. Tuolumne Market -> so that they will be the future conservators of these lands

woefully understaffed

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Tholomva Lodge, where we always stay, is almost the way I remember it in childhood - and I like that.

Suggestion: add another 10-20 tents at the lodge. There are too many heart + broken souls who cannot get reservations - myself included.

But keep it basically as it is. Let the employees be - as they are - the cream of humankind - filled with gracious intelligence + a desire to please. Do not let this lodge be corporatized, & called DNC@tholomva

It is just about perfect.

But halt the disintegration of the grocery store - must that DNC do the right thing. Only 2 employees because they can't afford more? Please.

Also - at lodge - nights have been cold, & firewood allowed per cabin has shrunk from a nicely packed box of crack + kindling to approx. 3-4 logs + a fire starter or 2. It is unfair to campers to have to freeze all night.

NO BIG HOTELS, off-ood NO.

More focus on history - but mainly - do not let the govt. be a corporation (in the 100 of Forbes financial list the same year the deal with DNC & park service was reached - from whom made that intelligent decision. In wake of recent corruption scandals, have two more, ok, out of space long for the glorious tholomva meadows -

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Name: Robert Sheets Date of Comment: _____

Address: [REDACTED] SF CA 9412

Comments

Do what needs to be done
in spite of Public comment

90% of comments are negative

What's Joe Public Know
Anyway except he's full
of opinions

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Name: Mary Rapkin Date of Comment: 8/8/2006

Address: [REDACTED], Juno, FL 33408

Comments

This is the most pitiful excuse for a park that we have seen. It looks like no money has been put into this park in 25 years. The services available are third world country. The US govt. should be ashamed of how little care is put into the parks. Where are the tax dollars we pay every year. We have National Park Pass every year and it appears no money gets put into park system.

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Name: Terry Wright wrightwp@sonoma.edu Date of
Comment: Geology
Address: [REDACTED] Benton Ca 93512

Comments

More Geology interpretation needed!
especially at a instead point
where many field trips stop!
I'm willing to advise - contact me
Thanks Terry

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Name: Eric L. Craig

Date of Comment: 8-12-06

Address: [REDACTED] Minden NV

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I have visited this Park regularly since 1973, including having worked here 5 or 6 summers. During this time I have witnessed the Park Service (?) Reduce facilities for visitors, but increase their own facilities. The building providing shade for me as I write this, and the gov't housing units to the east are but one example of this phenomena. It would be nice to see some common sense and intelligence put use, maybe the N.P.S. could facilitate use of this park by those who own it (U.S. citizens!!) and in particular those who respect and appreciate it. It would be nice, but I certainly do not expect it.

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Name: Lazer Date of Comment: mid-day

Address: _____

Comments

Love the stop! This has been the most beautiful
experience I've had. Tuolumne Market could
use a better selection of booze (hard stuff)

Thank You.

Jones

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Name: Isabel von Rittberg

Date of Comment: 8/12/06

Address: [REDACTED] Emeryville CA 94608

Comments

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As our natural resources and habitat in the United States are continuously being threatened, I believe it is in our best interest to make sure we PROTECT those areas that can still be preserved. Tuolumne is one of a few places that offers an immense variety of outdoor activities to a broad crowd of tourists. However, it is not as over-crowded as other areas of the park and still hasn't suffered from too much construction. I would like to see a little development as possible. Those plans that will be implemented should be well thought through and carefully considered, we do not want to impact the beautiful surroundings of Tuolumne nor damage the

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Name: Diane Dutton Date of Comment: Aug. 2006
Address: [REDACTED] Watsonville, CA 95076

Comments

Tuolumne Meadows (TM) is a rare and mostly unchanged wonderful place that has been visited by generations of campers & wilderness lovers.

TM is unique in that it's up in high country, yet very accessible to a wide range of interests. I started backpacking & climbing here 25 yrs. ago and now I'm exploring with my 7 yr. old son and still finding new & beautiful places.

I appreciate that the infrastructure, store/grill, campground, lodge, have not been modernized - made larger & permanent.

I would like to leave the campsites the way they are, people will accommodate themselves. Plus there seems like enough variety, so campers of all kinds get their needs met.

It would be useful to create some more overnight food storage

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Containers. One bank of bear boxes behind Host site # 53 near the river on the A loop. In the B/C areas, perhaps a bank of bear boxes near bathrooms, so when more than one family shares a site, there is a safe place to store all the food.

Answering the Q: "What kind of environmental condition & recreational activities would I like to see for various areas along the river in TM?"

= Places along the river that are granite slabs show very little impact and are usually accessible by the A loop road or a trail. Meadow conditions along the river will vary depending on different parts of the season. During early, moist conditions the meadows are wet & vulnerable, as the season moves on & water levels are lower, granite sand beaches are nice to fish and spend the day at. Most of these sites can be accessed by trails. It's good to keep the meadow traffic to a minimum - like the one going out to Parsons Lodge.

As far a "What kind of visitor experience should this area provide?" Tuolumne Meadows Is! People know that along the core corridors people presence will be more and the further out and away one takes themselves, the less people influence & voilà! they are surrounded by the natural beauty TM is loved for. People will find the solitude they are looking for. We don't need to "Provide" it!

Climbing trails to the various domes has been useful.

The shuttles are great.

No more or expanded lodges - keep it rural - it's a seasonal area.

Less environmental pressure on Tuolumne meadow & the wild scenic river can be achieved by keeping the vision simple and restraining from developmental pressures. Building & improving more will enable more impact to occur.

I don't want to see the road get widened at all.

Thanks for taking the time to read this - I care a lot about TM.

Diane Dutton

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Name:

IAN GLEASON

Date of Comment:

8/12/06

Address:

[REDACTED] PA, CA 95468

Comments

I WOULD JUST ASK THAT YOU PRESERVE THIS BEAUTIFUL GEM OF NATURE FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS. I WOULD ASK THAT YOU DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO MAKE SURE THE MEADOWS STAY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. THIS PLACE HAS TOUCHED AND CHANGED MY LIFE FOREVER AND I ~~WISH~~ ~~WISH~~ JUST HOPE THAT EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO COME HERE WOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE THIS.

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